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SUBJECT: REZA PAHLAVI INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

REF: TEHRAN 3171, 2611, 953; 76 TEHRAN 12854

1. GEORGE K. PENDER, FIRST INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
CORP (FIDC), 908 15TH STREET, SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA  
90403, TELEPHONE 213-451-4652, CONTACTED CAGNE SEVERAL  
WEEKS AGO CONCERNING SUBJECT PROJECT. THROUGH FIDC OFFICE  
IN LONDON, PENDER MET WITH AND SUBMITTED PROPOSAL TO S.H.  
KARAPETIAN, MANAGING DIRECTOR, BUFFALO BUILDING INDUSTRIES  
LTD., 89 AVE. KHERADMAND SOUTH, TEHRAN. PROPOSAL WAS FOR  
STRUCTURAL STEEL PLANT AND OFFER IS VALID FOR 90 DAYS  
BEGINNING APRIL 1.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH CAGNE OFFICER, PENDER SAID THAT  
STRUCTURAL STEEL PLANT BELONGS TO BETHLEHEM STEEL. LATTER  
COMPANY IS CLOSING DOWN ITS STRUCTURAL STEEL OPERATIONS AND  
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WANTS TO SELL THIS PLANT, WHICH IS LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA  
AND HAS HARDLY BEEN USED. BEFORE PENDER CALLED ORIGINALLY,  
OFFICIAL AT BETHLEHEM STEEL HAD CALLED CAGNE OFFICER IN  
RESPONSE TO COMMERCE BUSINESS DAILY NOTICE ON REZA PAHLAVI  
COMPLEX. BETHLEHEM OFFICIAL SAID COMPANY WANTED TO SELL

NEW PLANT BECAUSE OF CUT BACK IN STRUCTURAL STEEL

OPERATIONS, BUT WAS NOT INTERESTED IN TAKING EQUITY.  
BETHLEHEM HAS APPARENTLY TURNED PLANT OVER TO FIDC.  
PENDER SAID FIDC WOULD TAKE UP TO 49 PERCENT EQUITY IN  
JOINT-VENTURE WITH IRANIANS ON STRUCTURAL STEEL PLANT.

3. PENDER WAS TOLD BY HIS PEOPLE IN LONDON THAT  
KARAPETIAN IS REPUTABLE BUSINESSMAN WITH CONNECTIONS WITH  
SHAH'S FAMILY. KARAPETIAN IN TURN HAS TOLD PENDER THAT  
BADIE IS NOT THE MAN TO BE DEALING WITH ON REZA PAHLAVI  
COMPLEX. PRESUMABLY, KARAPETIAN IS.

4. PENDER VERY WILLING TO GO TO IRAN TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL  
AND/OR TO HAVE "RIGHT" PERSON COME TO U.S. TO SEE  
OPERATING PLANT IN PITTSBURGH AS WELL AS MUCH BETTER, BUT

CLOSED DOWN, PLANT IN CALIFORNIA. REQUEST EMBASSY  
COMMENTS ON BADIE'S PRECISE ROLE IN REZA PAHLAVI COMPLEX  
AND ON WHETHER KARAPETIAN HAS ANY SAY ON WHO PARTICI-  
PATES IN PROJECT.

5. EMBASSY COMATT IN WASHINGTON HAS SAID ECON COUNSELOR  
EXPECTS TO MEET WITH MANAGING DIRECTOR OF COMPLEX, BIHAR.  
PERHAPS ABOVE QUESTIONS COULD BE DISCREETLY RAISED  
DURING MEETING. CAGNE WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN REPORT  
ON MEETING.  
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